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Rural Health Resources Video Conference  
Adverse Event Reporting  
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## Adverse Event Reporting - Purpose

- To facilitate quality improvement, improve patient safety and decrease medical errors in a non-punitive manner
- Not designed/intended to punish facilities, practitioners or health care facility workers

## Hospital Adverse Event Reporting

- March 1999 – Hospital Rules
- Notify DOH within 2 days of confirmation
- June 7, 2006 – HB 2292
- Notify DOH within 48 hours of confirmation
- Report to DOH within 45 days of notice

## Who Must Report

- General Acute Care Hospitals
- Psychiatric Hospitals
- Child Birth Centers
- Correctional Medical Facilities
- Ambulatory Surgery Center – when regulated

## Hospital Adverse Events

- Old List of 8, based on JCAHO Sentinel Events
- New List of 27, from NQF Serious Reportable Events, 2002

## Adverse Event Reporting Requirements

- Root Cause Analysis
- Corrective Action Plan
- Internet-based Report
- DOH Review



## Current Reporting Process

- Contact DOH the same since 1999
- Report Hospital Name, Event, Date of Event
- Call 1-888-524-6257
- Fax 1-360-236-2901
- Mail PO Box 47852, Olympia 98504



## Future Reporting Process

- Effective Date To Be Determined – Spring 07
- 48 Hours of Confirmation – Internet Notification
- 45 Days post Confirmation – Internet Report
- ?? Days post Confirmation – DOH Receive & Investigate Root Cause Analysis & Corrective Action Plan



## Qualified, Independent Entity

- Establish the Internet-based Reporting System
- Collect, Analyze & Evaluate Internet Reports
- Develop Recommendations for Change in Practices & Procedures
- Issue Recommendations for Change, Trends, Improvements in Health Care Practices & Procedures
- Annual Report

## Impact on Hospitals

- Policies/Procedures for new list of events & root cause analysis (JCAHO or VA)
- Corrective Action Plan
- Swing Bed Patients Included
- Compliance – Reporting Requirements
- Incidents

## Incidents

- Event, occurrence, situation involving clinical care of a patient that:
- Results in unanticipated injury not related to illness or underlying condition
- Is not an adverse event
- Could have injured a patient but did not

## Incident Reporting

- Not Mandatory
- Made by Medical Facilities or Health Care Workers
- Internet Report
- Identifies Medical Facility
- Does not Identify practitioners, workers or patients



QUESTIONS ?

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